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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIZDAREVIC ON
BILATERALS

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED AT HIS REQUEST MAR 22 ON FSFA ASST. SECY
(FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) RAIF DIZDAREVIC (THEN ACTING FONSEC)
TO REVIEW STATE OF BILATERALS FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S RETURN FROM
CONSULTATIONS.

2. TO OPENING QUESTION REGARDING WHAT HE HAD "BROUGHT BACK" AMB
DISCUSSED FEELING IN WASHINGTON THAT RELATIONS CAN CONTINUE TO IM-
PROVE PROVIDED GOY PUBLIC SPOKESMEN REFRAIN FROM LANGUAGE WHICH
QUESTIONS OUR MOTIVES OR IS EXTREME OR INTEMPERATE IN DISCUSSING
US ACTIONS AND IN RESPONSE SPECIFIC QUESTION LISTED FOLLOWING
VISITS: COMMERCE SECY DENT; STATE DEPUTY SECY RUSH (BUT HIS
DEPENDENT ON RUSH SCHEDULE WHICH IN TURN TIED TO SECY'S ACTIVITIES);
AND USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH AT TIME OF OPENING USIC SARAJEVO.

3. DIZDAREVIC RESPONDED THAT YUGOSLAVS ALSO FEEL ATMOSPHERE NOW
IS BETTER. HE CAUTIONED HOWEVER THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND US WOULD CONTINUE
TO DISAGREE ON MAJOR ISSUES, AND US SIDE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT
YUGOSLAVS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS,
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AT TIME PUBLICLY AND IN A SHARP MANNER. THIS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE

TWO SIDES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS AREAS OF DIFFERENCE AS WELL AS AGREEMENT, BECAUSE CONTINUATION OF A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE IS THE ESSENCE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. DIZDAREVIC ENDED WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT AMB AGREED.

4. AMB RESPONDED THAT HE DID, BUT AS HE HAD TOLD BOTH FONSEC MINIC AND DEPFONSEC PETRIC IN THE PAST, YUGOSLAVIA MUST IN THIS PROCESS TAKE US SENSITIVITIES INTO ACCOUNT, STRESSING THAT YUGOSLAV MOVES IN AREAS OF US VITAL INTEREST WHICH DO NOT TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THESE SENSITIVITIES WILL LEAD TO PROBLEMS.

5. DIZDAREVIC, IN REVIEWING UPCOMING EVENTS IN BILATERALS FROM YUGOSLAV VIEWPOINT, MENTIONED POSSIBLE VISITS BY HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT AND SENATOR FULBRIGHT--THE LATTER ENVISIONED FOR NEXT FALL AT TIME OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION US-YUGOSLAV BINATIONAL COMMISSION. AMB SAID WHILE WE OF COURSE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE BOTH VISITS, HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR PROSPECTS BECAUSE OF LIKELY POLITICAL COMMITMENTS OF BOTH MEN IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION YEAR.

6. TURNING TO UPCOMING SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, DIZDAREVIC SAID DEPFONSEC PETRIC WOULD RETURN DURING WEEKEND AND WOULD WISH TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS THE COMING SESSION (AMBASSADOR NOTED HE HAD REQUEST IN TO SEE PETRIC AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY). WHILE YUGOSLAVS DO NOT EXPECT UNGA SESSION TO PROVIDE ALL THE ANSWERS, THEY DO HOPE TO SEE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IN FORMULATION OF "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM". AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT US IS TAKING A POSITIVE VIEW TOWARDS SESSION, BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MUCH REAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THIS FORUM ON THE DIVERSE, HIGHLY COMPLEX QUESTIONS AT ISSUE. HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING SESSION WITH PETRIC BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT WE EXCHANGE VIEWS FULLY ON THE ISSUES.

7. BALANCE OF CONVERSATION DEALT WITH YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN RELATIONS AND THE TRIESTE ZONE B ISSUE, REPORTED SEPTTEL. TOON

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